# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

**DOWNEY -** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the first phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue in Bellflower to Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, nightly, Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30, for pavement work. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

#### Eastbound SR-91:

### Nightly, Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30

- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Up to two regular use lanes closed from Santa Fe Avenue to the Long Beach Freeway (I-710).
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Atlantic Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Long Beach Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Up to three regular use lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Eastbound SR-91 connector to northbound and southbound I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 9 a.m. Alameda Street on-ramp.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Cherry Avenue on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from the Harbor Freeway (SR-110) to Avalon Boulevard.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Downey Avenue.

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#### Westbound SR-91:

### Nightly, Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30

- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. One regular use lane closed from Wilmington Avenue to SR-110.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Myrtle Avenue to I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. HOV and up to two regular use lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Wilmington Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Central Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Cherry Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. One regular use lane from Paramount Boulevard to Cherry Avenue.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Avalon Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Main Street on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Paramount Boulevard on-ramp.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. Westbound SR-91 connector to SR-110.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Long Beach Boulevard on and off-ramps.

SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008.

Caltrans advises motorists to "Slow For The Cone Zone."

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